SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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CELESTES FREDERICTON TALKS.

Fredericton, March 11.—"I am going to write a book," Dorothea said calmly and deliberately as she unfastened her coat preparatory to a long chat.

"Dorothea" said I severely, "what new idea have you got in your head now? That is the fourth time you have made that announcement this year."

"Well, my dear, to relieve your mind a little, it is only to be a pamphlet this time."

"The subject pray tell me!"

"The Essential Qualifications of a Minister" in a grand tone "and his wife," mischievously. I have been calling all the afternoon, and the presbyterian ladies have told me about the candidates for their pulpit. They listened to six in all, but I heard most about the three who received the highest votes at the congregational meeting. They tell me Mr. McDonald, of Hampton, gave them two magnificent sermons. His gestures are appropriate, and one old lady told me his sermon was the first she had been able to hear in years, his voice is so clear and penetrating; Mr. Stewart, of Sussex, pleased them by the close reasoning of the theme in hand, and by his spirituality, his prayers being very highly commended. I have heard about the way in which he has built up his church in Sussex from one of the smallest congregations to the most influential; and of his attractive bible class teaching."

"Well, what about his wife," I interposed. "Oh, she is a model minister's wife, a good housekeeper, and also a capable musician." Mr McGregor, the last to preach, also gave two excellent sermons, and won many friends by his pathetic recital of some of the scenes at Springhill, where he assisted the pastor after the terrible disaster. He is a thoroughly earnest, hard-working pastor, has a well organized working congregation, and all seem agreed that they will extend to Mr. McGregor and his charming wife a hearty reception should he accept the unanimous call tendered him by the congregational meeting."

"You didn't say anything about Mr. McDonald's wife," I reminded her.

"Why, don't you know the poor fellow hasn't got any. They want a man who can write good sermons, who can deliver them well, who will take with the young people and draw them into the church, who will keep them working, who is a good visitor at the sick bed, who will be able to take his place in society, and, in short, if they were all agreed upon these qualities, they would require a saint.

"He will have to be one of the elect, certainly. Did you ever hear the old darkey's story of predestination? Governor Vance was riding along one day when he met an old darkey with whom he thought to have a little fun. 'Uncle,' said the governor, 'are you going to church?'

'No sah, I'm gwine back from church.'

'You are a baptist, I reckon?'

'No, sah, I ain't no baptist, de most of the brederen and sisters has been under de water.'

'Methodist, then?'

'No, sah, I ain't no metodis, nudder.'

'Well, what in the name of goodness are you?'

'Well, de fac' is, sah, my old marster was a herruld of the cross in de prespyterian church an' I was fotch up in dat faith.'

'Do you believe all the doctrines of the presbyterian creed?'

'Yes, sah, I does.'

'Do you believe in predestination?'

'I don' zacly recognize de name, sah.'

'Do you believe if a man is elected to be saved he will be saved, and if he is elected to be damned he will be damned?'

'Oh, yes, sah, dat's gospel talk.

'Well, now, do you believe I am elected to be saved?'

The old darkey struggled between the truth and his natural politeness, then he said, 'Well, I tell you what 'tis; I'se been libin' in dis hyar world nigh on 60 years an' I nebber yit hyard of any man bein' 'lected 'doubt he was a candidate.'

After the laugh subsided, Dorothea went on. "I received an invitation to a party."

"What, my dear, in lent? Who has courage to give a party in lent?"

"Cousin Kate invited me to her birthday party, and she says it will be her last." "Gracious me, she looks well, hasn't got consumption, or any such dreadful disease, has she?

"No, but she will be 25, and won't have any more birthdays after that."

"Well, I must go home and get into some dry clothes. From this 'till the ice runs out, I expect to navigate the streets of the celestial in a pair of rubber boots. Our house resembles Solomon Levi's establishment, for the banister and all available places are covered with dresses hung up to dry."

The time draweth nigh when in the house of assembly opposing sides will wage war to the teeth, regardless of the advice of the apostle to follow after the things which make for peace. It promises to be a lively session. Only a few days more and we will be down upon our knees leaning over the rail to get a first glimpse of the people's representatives in parliament assembled. Soon the surveyor general will make his preliminary survey of the ladies' gallery, and bounties will follow in the shape of parcels of candy. Oh, if he would only get in a bill to have that sand papery rail cushioned, the hearts of the women who wear velvet sleeves would rise up and call him blessed. Why we should be obliged to do penance history recordeth not.

The Y's are tantalizing the public by the announcement of a "hoppity social." What that may be remains to be seen. A little bird tells me that they are to have an informal musical programme and to play a mysterious game called "hoppity." It requires exactly fifteen cents to satisfy one's curiosity about this "hoppity."

Since Miss Thorne undertook the leadership of the Ys their numbers have been steadily increasing. Recently Miss Annie Fowler, Miss Louise Thompson, Miss Minnie Richards, Miss Mary Johnston, Miss Fannie Lemont and Miss Mamie Tibbitts have become members and have been put actively to work preparing for the social and a children's concert to be given Saturday evening. Think of training 90 children for the chorus, a work carried on very satisfactorily by Miss Blanche Tibbitts. May the Ys continue to grow and flourish until the spirit of temperance is so universal that every man will be an absolute prohibitory law unto himself.

The second of Prof. Duff's lectures upon his travels in the east was given Monday evening in the auld kirk. Prof. Duff gives a talk rather than a lecture, because of the personal anecdotes he tells. This time we were told of his stay in Cairo and his visit to the pyramids. He naturally visited the university of Cairo, famous for its 250 professors, and over 7000 students. It proved to be in rather a delapidated condition for so famous a place. It is a large school, rather than a college, receiving even small boys and girls. In the professor's previous lecture on India he showed a picture of a great tree under which stood a lady in native costume whom he explained was not a native but a friend of his who arrayed herself in this way to be photographed. "Is she white or black?" shouted the small boy on the front seat.

The ladies of the mission auxiliary of the methodist church recently gave a unique entertainment. Over 600 written invitations to an "At Home" in the Sunday school room were sent out to members of the congregation. In calling upon a poor woman, one young lady found her treasuring up the invitation, the first written one she had ever received in her life. Although she was too ill to attend the "At Home," the kind thoughtfulness of the ladies would long remain a pleasant memory. Wraps were left up stairs, and then each guest was welcomed with a hearty grasp of the hand by the reception committee. Everybody was made to feel at home, and sociability and good-fellowship prevailed. The ladies gave a delightful programme of vocal and instrumental music, with a few readings. Coffee and cake came all too soon to end this pleasant evening.

We await with great expectations the appearance of the Infantry school dramatic club. From the time we recite "Mary had a little lamb" to a not too-critical audience on public examination day, to our final burst of oratory in parliament, through the various stages of mock parliament and charity concerts we have a desire to spout before the public. The children give this desire an outlet in playing church, and the older ones occasionally by speaking in prayer meeting. Therefore we are all interested in the effort of the dramatic club to "say a piece" on a larger scale. Whether any ladies will take part or they will go back to Shakesperian methods we know not but all things will be made clear on their first appearance on the 30th. Should the gay young short course officers who wear the beautiful grey fur take the women's parts we hope for them as successful a personation as Rudyard Kipling tells of in "His Wedded Wife." Jove! but that was well done!

Fredericton does not seem to have taken to Rudyard Kipling, but then the Celestials are somewhat behind the times. Haven't heard a single person mention Ibsen. The "Eclectic Club" discusses Browning. That is the culmination of our city's intellectual doings, but there is no telling what the rising generation may reach when a small boy of nine years is found reading "Dr. Smith's History of Greece" and affirms that he has read that for ever so long.

DORCHESTER.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.]

March 13.—It is said—and the truth of the statement is undoubted—that we never fully appreciate our blessings until we have lost them. Perhaps a wish to test the application of this principle on the *bon ton* of Dorchester may have partly actuated your correspondent during the past two or three weeks, and thus account for the absence of the usual contributions. In simple justice to myself, however, I beg to state that the reason was one far less selfish (this almost smacks of conceit), and that the ordinary, every-day, hardworking *cold* of commerce has been at the bottom of my neglect of duty. A gentle remonstrance from the editor recalls me, and now I am engaged in the by no means easy task of recording, in some instances, events which have taken place during my temporary improvement, and of which I know little, and that little only by hearsay.

Since I last wrote, Dorchester has lost another of its oldest and most respected as well as most representative men, Mr. William K. Chapman. Mr. Chapman has been engaged in business here for probably sixty years, during which time he has always deservedly enjoyed an enviable fame for kindness of heart and reproachless integrity that will not die with him. His house has been the scene of many a pleasant assembly and has always enjoyed marked popularity in that respect. Mr. Chapman, although eighty years old at his death, has always possessed remarkably good health up to the present winter, when he contracted the illness which ended in his death. He leaves five children, all living in Dorchester.

It seems to me that pretty nearly the entire population of Dorchester has fallen victim to illness of some kind this winter, though but few, I am glad to say, have been seriously ill. Mrs. Willard D. Wilbur has been quite ill for some weeks, and is still confined to the house. Miss Fanny S. Chandler has also been ill for the past month, and is only beginning to go out of doors again this week. Mr. W. B. Backhouse is still confined to his house. Mrs. George W. Chander has had a tiresome seige of sickness, and so have Miss Plant and Miss Sarah Godfrey. Mr. David Chapman is unable to leave his house, and the same is true of Mrs. Alexander Robb and many others. Indeed, the disease seems even more prevalent and more severe than was the grip last winter, and we are all anxiously waiting and wishing for a cessation of this perpetual cold and snow, and for the coming of something better in weather.

Mr. Henry R. Emmerson has, of equrse, been for some time absent in Albert, but returned on Friday, Notwithstanding his defeat in the recent election he seems in no wise cast down. In fact he isn't that kind of a man. He has had, in his political labors, an able lieutenant in Mr. J. W. Y. Smith, who after the election sought comfort and rest in St. John, whence he returned on Monday.

Everyone was glad to see Dr. Church in town on Thursday, he having come down from Moncton to cast his vote for his party. His young son, Willie, has been visiting the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Oulton, and returned home with his father.

Miss Constance Chandler has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. Hewson, in Moncton, for some weeks, but is now again in Dorchester.

Mr. Gesner Kerr is said to have won a very handsome gold watch in a recent competition of some sort in Toronto. (I have not yet seen the watch.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Covert, of Moncton, spent Sunday in Dorchester with Mr. Covert's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Godfrey, returning to Moncton on Monday.

Rev. Bertram Hooper, who has reecntly been elected rector of Moncton, made a short visit to Dorchester on Friday, when he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, at the rectory.

Mr. H. C. Hanington spent last Sunday with his parents in Dorchester, returning on Monday to Moncton.

Miss Nellie Palmer, accompanied by her friend, Miss Butcher, came over on Friday from Sackville, where they are attending the academy. They returned to Sackville on Monday.

Mr. W. W. Wells, Q. C., spent Sunday in Dorchester.

Mr. R. W. Hanington made a short visit to Sackville last Wednesday, returning the same day.

Mrs. A. J. Hickman is visiting her friend, Mrs. D. L. Hanington.

By the way, what does everybody think of Halifax's new society paper *Mercury*? We think that it would have been considered good enough if no Progress existed, but compared with that entertaining and enterprising giant it is very small potatoes indeed, in every respect. There is nothing small about the price, however. Perhaps it will improve all through after a time, and of course we all hope it will, though it will have to shake off dull sloth and early rise in order to keep pace with Progress. Won't it.

Speaking of twins, I would like to make a suggestion to Progress *anent* one of its improved features, the bible and history competitions. I have heard complaints from a number of young readers here, that the conditions of the competitions as now conducted tend to give St. John readers an unfair advantage over those at a distance, inasmuch as those living in the city can answer the questions and send in their answers before outsiders can possibly do so. I would suggest that instead of awarding the prize to the first correct answer *received*, the letters should all remain unopened until, say, Tuesday or Wednesday, and then opened at random, something after the manner of a grab-box, the prize being awarded to the first correct answer opened. That would give outsiders an equal chance with the St. John competitors, and so, no doubt, create a much livelier interest in the competitions.

Mrs. Pascal was in Dorchester last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Keillor.

Hon. D. L. Hanington leaves today to attend to his legislative duties in Fredericton, as does also Hon. A. D. Richard, M. L. C.

County court is now in session here, Judge Landry presiding. A number of outside barristers are in attendance, among whom are Messrs. A. W. Bennett, Sackville; D. J. Welch, A. N. Charters, F. A. McCully and R. B. Smith, of Moncton.

Now that the election excitement is over, Dorchester people are awakening to the fact that something should be done in aid of the Springhill sufferers. A public meeting was held in Robb's hall on Monday evening, when addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Campbell (who spent several days in Springhill immediately after the disaster), Rev. Mr. Weeks, Hon. Judge Landry, and others. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and doubtless Dorchester will yet give substantial aid to suffering Springhill.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 820 *Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.*

IRIS ALTKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

Marbh 10.—Even supposing the season of lent did not bind society to refrain, to a certain extent, from all kind of amusement, yet the very fact of its being the month of March presupposes all things at a standstill. It is neither winter, nor is it spring, being rather a short dismal period of probation before we feel the sweet breath of the zepher or hear the chirrup of the robin—harbingers that tell us of approaching summer. Of all the twelve, March to me is the dreariest. The snow, if there should happen to be a fall, as is often the case during these days, soon vanishes neath the rays of the hot sun, consequently the pedestrian wades knee deep in slush. At the rink too, there is no great amount of pleasure to be derived from skating when the water is two or three inches deep on the ice. The toboggan has been packed away with the ice stick. Consequently the fair maiden sighs and bemoans the dullness of the season. But presently brightens up again, as an idea suggests itself. This is the time to place the spring and summer costume, so in all good humor off she starts for the city, makes her purchases and busy as a bee flits from one shop to another reveling amid clouds of cambric and oceans of cotton.

There has been very little worth recording going on in society during the past week. Two or three five o'clock teas, one or two concerts, a euchre party and we have said our say.

Several of our leading society ladies gave farewell teas to their friends of the departing West Riding regiment, among others Mrs. J. F. Kenny, who entertained Major and Mrs. French, Lieut. and Mrs. Wood and several other guests.

Mrs. James Morrow also gave an at home as a farewell to Major and Mrs. French.

Miss Eva Waddell, on Tuesday evening, gave a little dance to about 30 young ladies and gentlemen.

On this same evening there were also held two parlor concerts. One in Dartmouth at the residence of Mr. C. H. Harvey, in aid of Christ church organ fund. The other by the kings daughters at 520 Robie street.

On Monday evening last the Halifax club gave a farewell dinner to Major French. Among the guests were Sir John Ross, the governor, Mr. Macgowan, R. A., and the Spanish consul.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyle intend leaving shortly on a trip to the United States.

Another engagement! Really, Cupid must be in great glee. This time it is a Halifax man who is to bring us one of Pictou's fairest daughters, Miss Annie Cicrar, of Pictou, to Mr. Fred DeWolfe of this city.

His lordship, Bishop Courtney, left for Jamaica on Monday last, where he intends remaining for sometime, as the trip is for the benefit of his health.

The West Riding regiment bade farewell to Halifax on Monday last. As the big ship *Orontes* moved from the wharf she left behind more than one sorrowing heart. As they sailed down the harbor the Leicestershire regiment played that sad old tune, "The girl I left behind me," bringing many a sob from the forlorn grass widow.

On Thursday night Miss Laine gives her second song recital at Orpheus' Hall. In musical circles this entertainment is awaited with much anticipation, and a crowded house is expected. Her klingenfield's viola performance will be a new feature. The other accompanists will be Herr and Frau Doering, also Prof. Porter.

On Sunday last a mission was commenced in St. Mary's, R. C. cathedral. Preached, I am told, by four Jesuit Fathers from New York. It is to be continued during two weeks. I understand the sermons are very eloquent.

On Tuesday evening, Hon. J.W. Longley lectured at Orpheus' Hall. The lecturer chose as a subject "Politics as a fine art." A large audience enthusiastically greeted the eloquent speaker as he made his appearance on the platform, at the close of the lecture we were no less enthusiastic, and came away conscious of having spent the evening both agreeably and intellectually.

AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.]

March 10.—Dr. Osborne Tupper returned from New York last Wednesday, having completed a short course in the Koch treatment at Bellevue hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Quigley entertained a number of young people on Wednesday evening of last week, in honor of their son Arthur, prior to his leaving for British Columbia. He left on Monday night in company with a number of other young men who have all set their faces British Columbiawards.

Mrs. Harris, accompanied Mr. Harris to Halifax last Thursday on his way to England, and is expected back on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Robert Pugsley had quite a large party of children and young people, on Saturday, from five until ten. She expects to give another juvenile party on Thursday.

Mrs. Medley Townshend had a children's party on Monday afternoon.

Miss Hill, of Sidney, C. B., is at present visiting Mrs. N. Curry.

Mrs. Vernon returned last week from Toronto.

Mr. C. M. Smith went to Antigonishe last week to meet Sir John Thompson and returned on Friday.

Mrs. W. M. Fullerton went to St. John on Monday and will return the last of the week.

A number of ladies and gentlemen are rehearsing for an entertainment to come off next Wednesday in aid of Springhill sufferers, consisting of tableaux, music, etc. The music is under the direction of Prof. Barnaby.

Sir Charles Tupper left Monday evening for Ottawa, and from thence he proceeds to New York, to sail for England. The band serenaded him and crowds were at the station to say farewell. He was joined here by Sir John Thompson, M. P., and Mr. Charles Tupper, M. P., and Mrs. Tupper, who accompanied him to Ottawa. Sir Charles, during his stay in town from Friday until Monday, was the guest of his nephew, Dr. Osborne Tupper. On Monday evening he was entertained at dinner by Mr. Rhodes, together with a number of other gentlemen.

Mr. Josiah Wood, M. P. of Westmorland, was in town Monday to attend the political meeting.

Miss Johnstone has returned from her two or three weeks' visit in Parrsboro.

Mr. Donald Bliss has returned from Sidney, C. B., where he has been engaged putting in the electric light.

Mrs. Samuel Wilbur, of Moncton, is in town, the guest of Mrs. A. D. Taylor.

Mr. Kelsie, C. E., accompanied by Mrs. Kelsie, left on Monday night for a trip to the upper provinces and the United States.

Mr. Ketchum is at present in New York.

Mrs. Dobson left on Friday to meet her husband, Dr. Dobson, who has returned to New York from Denver, Col., where he had been for his health.

If there has been a slight stagnation in social affairs of late, a pugilistic encounter between two of our civil engineers has quite revived everything.

Mr. N. Rhodes left on Wednesday for New York, thence to Jamaica.

Among the many strangers in town on Monday I noticed Mr. Leckie, Londonderry Mines; Mr. Black, ex-M. P. P., River Philip; Mr. W. C. Milner, Sackville; Mr. Borden, Mr. John Harris, Moncton; Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bent, Pugwash; Mr. Dennis, special reporter for Sir Charles, Halifax.

One of the nattiest turnouts seen on the streets this winter is the one driven by Miss Mabel Pugsley. Pony and sleigh of liliputian dimensions to match the little driver, who has been most generous in giving all her friends a drive, all I might add who could compress themselves into so small a seat.

Meg.

ST. ANDREWS.

March 10.—We are looking forward to the advent of summer and the arrival of the camp, which, if report is true, is to be stationed here for military drill this year; to the opening of the hotels and the influx of summer visitors, and the pleasant picnics and dances which result from such influx.

Capt. Herbert, of the Argyle, looks forward to a brilliant season for his hotel, and well the captain deserves it, for no pleasanter company, no jollier parties, no more accommodating host could be found anywhere than at the Argyle last season.

It is reported that Mr. Carter, who managed the Algonquin hotel last year, is to take charge again this season.

The new organ for all saints church has arrived, and is being placed in position, and it is expected that on next Sunday its sweet notes will resound through the building. It is larger than the old instrument, which will necessitate its being set farther out in the chancel.

The concert company have had two practices since my last, one on Friday and one last evening.

The whist club meets at Dr. Osbourn's this evening.

Miss McLean, from St. John, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Magee. Miss McLean has many friends here who are all much pleased to see her pleasant face and hear her merry laugh amongst them once more.

Miss Stevenson leaves to-morrow to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilliard, of Fredericton, on a trip to the sunny south.

Mr. Glenn's numerous friends and business acquaintances were all rejoiced to see him again on the street, yesterday, for the first time since his illness.

Sunday being such a glorious day quite a number of persons drove to Chamcook to attend the afternoon service in the little chapel. One gentleman driving a pair started, alas! he never got there. A lady and gentleman started to walk, they got there "with both feet."

Mr. W. B. Hamilton, of St. John, is at Kennedy's hotel.

Mr. Wood, of Calais, who is here looking after the pianos requiring to be tuned, is also registered at the same hotel.

Kennedy's hotel has been well patronized this winter, and the proprietor talks of making another addition to his already large and comfortable house.

Mrs. C. M. Gove entertained a few friends quietly last evening.

The snowshoeing was very fine on Saturday, and a few ladies and gentlemen taking advantage of it had quite a tramp.

The ladies of the art needlework club meet once a week at Mrs. McMaster's. Like the masons, they proceed "from labor to refreshment" in the shape of coffee and cake.

Mr. T. T. Odell had quite a bad turn yesterday.

Mr. Lominer has recovered from his recent illness, and is again attending to business.

Miss Gove drove up to St. Stephen last Wednesday with Mr. Pettrick, the agent of the bank of Nova Scotia.

A widow lady from California, formerly a resident of this place, has been visiting friends here during the winter, and intends returning to her southern home in April.

Mrs. Foster's dancing party comes off tomorrow evening, of which more in our next. Puck.

ST. GEORGE.

[Progress is for sale in St. George at T. O'Brien's store].

Mar. 11.—Rev. Thos. Lavery was unexpectedly called to Boston last week by the serious illness of his father. He has not yet returned.

Mr. Henry Graham, of Milltown, was with us last week.

Mr. Fred Hutchinson, of St. Stephen, made a brief visit here last week.

The young men of the Mission Band in connection with the Baptist church, intending holding a concert shortly. Under the able tuition of Mrs. C. E. Pineo, success is certain.

Mr. G. F. Hibbard, M. P. P., leaves tomorrow for the capital to attend his parliamentary duties.

Miss Chase, of St. Andrews, is here visiting friends.

Messrs. D. and P. Gillmor leave here tomorrow for the upper provinces.

Capt. Clark, of St. Stephen, was here last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Watt.

Sheriff Stuart, of St. Andrews, has been with us this week.

Mr. J. Chayer, of Montreal, registered at the Brunswick this week.

Miss May O'Brien has returned from Calais, having made a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Mackenna.

Mrs. N. Meating has been quite ill, but is somewhat better.

Mr. R. H. Davis has just returned from a pleasant trip to California.

Mr. C. V. Wetmore returned from St. John last week. Undine.

MUSQUASH.

March 11.—Mrs. C. C. Ludgate visited the city on Monday.

Messrs. C. A. Clark and Clarie Wallace, of St. John, visited here last week.

Mrs. C. F. Clinch went to St. John on Thursday.

Mrs. L. B. Knight, of West end, St. John, visited friends here on Wednesday.

Mrs. Caulkin has returned to her home, Evansville, Wis., after a two months' visit here.

Miss Richards, accompanied by some friends from St. John, visited St. Stephen last week.

Messrs. Hazen, Skinner and Kelly, of St. John, made a flying visit here on Saturday last.

Miss Hattie Knight went to St. John on Saturday.

Mr. John Dunn, of St. John, visited his home here on Thursday.

Mr. Walter Rankine, of St. John, accompanied by Mr. Estey, spent Sunday at the Musquash hotel.

Mr. Gr. Mayes, of West end, St. John, spent Saturday here, the guest of Mr. C. F. Clinch.

Miss Carroll, of Fairville, was the guest of Mrs. McElwain on Sunday.

Mr. G. C. Carmon, of St. John, spent Thursday here.

Mr. Barnhill, of Fairville, accompanied by Mrs. Barnhill and Miss Long, were here on Wednesday.

P. J. Richards, of the S. L. R. R., visited his home here last week. Vega.

LEPREAU.

March 11.—Mr. H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., of St. John, and Mr. George Clarke, of St. Stephen, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday here, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

Miss May Hanson is spending a few weeks with friends in Fredericton and Woodstock.

Mr. J. McGirr, of Montana, spent a few days here last week.

Mrs. H. P. Reynolds is spending a week with friends in St. John.

Mr. B. Wetmore, of St. George, registered at the Revere house, last week.

Mrs. James Robson, of Providence, R. I., is spending a few weeks with relatives here.

Mr. W. Avery, of St. John, spent a few days here last week, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

Mr. George Barnhill, of St. John, spent a few days here last week.

Mrs. C. M. Reynolds leaves this week for St. John, where she expects to remain for a few months.

Mr. L. Cameron, of St. Stephen, spent Thursday here.

Mr. C. C. Ludgate, of Musquash, visited here on Sunday.

Hon. A. H. Gillmor, of St. George, made a brief visit here last week.

Miss P. K. Hanson has been spending a few days at her home. O. K.

TRURO, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.]

March 11.—Miss Douglas, of Maitland, is a guest of Mrs. E. F. Wilson.

Mrs. H. C. Blair gave a very pleasant children's party last Saturday afternoon, from three to six, for her little daughter, Miss Dorothea.

A number of young people enjoyed a drive to Clifton last Monday evening, followed by a dance and supper.

Rev. Edwin Smith was in town yesterday, from Stewiacke.

The card club was entertained by Mrs. Fred Prince, last night. Peg.

SACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's bookstore.]

March 10.—As I donned my cap and coat on Saturday evening and walked out in the bracing air, I was attracted by the sound of sweet music issuing from the Tantramar rink. On entering I found it was band night, which certainly is a treat to us, as it only occurs about once or twice in a winter. The academy ladies, under the watchful eye of Dr. Borden, were there in full force, and it was indeed a pleasing sight to see the fair young girls, gallantly attended by the sterner sex, gliding easily around to the music of the band. Among those whom I noticed as particularly graceful skaters were Miss MacKeown, Miss Poole, Miss Lefurgey, Miss Anderson, Miss Smith, Miss Black, Mrs. MacDougall, Miss M. Rannie, Miss Bell, Miss Estabrooks, Miss Alice Estabrooks. The two last named ladies excited a good deal of admiration by their waltzing, which I should imagine would be a most difficult thing to do on skates.

Mr. Wood was almost overwhelmed with congratulations on his large and handsome majority. The village was illuminated by huge bonfires, and Mr. Wood's palatial residence presented quite a picturesque appearance, being a blaze of light from garret to cellar. Dr. Andrews house and custom house were also illuminated.

Saturday being Mrs. Woods at home, she was visited by hundreds of her friends, who were all eager to congratulate the charming wife of our popular M. P.

Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Borden are entertaining a large number of their friends this evening, which I hope to give the particulars of next week.

Mr. Percy Strong, of Halifax, paid us a short visit this week.

Two sturdy youths, who were attending the college here, finding this part of the globe too tame for them, decided to make things lively by setting fire to the Boys' academy. Just as the scheme was in good working order it was luckily discovered, and the fun these youthful miscreants expected to have was nipped in the bud.

I was glad to see the smiling face of Mr. M. G. Lane on Saturday. Mr. Lane always looks extremely happy when it is his good fortune to pay a visit to our town.

There was no service in St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, the rector having gone to Moncton to preach in St. George's church.

There is a mysterious gathering at the rectory every Monday evening, which is entirely composed of the fair sex. I meekly remarked the other day I should like to go and see what was going on, when a gushing maiden turned her flashing eyes on me and said, "You'd better stay at home; we do not want you." See what it is to be a man.

Rev. Mr. Hall, of the Baptist Church, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday afternoon to a large congregation. There is a social in the new church tonight, when the friends of Mr. Hall will have an opportunity of saying good-bye to him personally.

Mr. Powell, M. P. P., went to St. John on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milner are receiving congratulations.

Mr. Saunders, of P. E. Island, took his departure for home this week.

The streets presented quite a stylish appearance on Saturday, Mr. Henry Allison having his handsome pair of horses harnessed up tandem fashion.

Copperfield.

DIGBY, N. S.

March 4.—On Tuesday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Churchill invited a few very intimate friends to be present at the baptism of their little daughter "Frieda." Rev. Mr. Guillim officiated. Mrs. C. DeForest, of St. John, was godmother. I failed to secure a list of the guests, but I heard that the baby was lovely in looks and behavior, and all the ladies present were very enthusiastic over her. Mrs. DeForest returned home on Saturday by the *Monticello*.

Miss Peckman got back from St. John the same day. I am sorry I was misinformed as to her plans, and more sorry to know that she has been confined to her room since her return; but I hear she is really better, which is cheering.

Mrs. Welsh is also gaining in strength and her friends are encouraged to hope she will soon be as well as usual.

Mr. Plunkett has gone to Boston for a short time.

Mrs. Davidson, of Halifax, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Bingay.

Mr. H. B. Short returned on Wednesday from Halifax and Hantsport, where he had been visiting.

Miss Kathleen Robertson is ill. I suppose like so many others a sufferer from la grippe.

We have been sorry to miss Mr. Lynch's presence from his usual place in town, but are glad to hear that he is really much better, and will probably be at business again very soon.

Mrs. A. B. Ruddock is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Lynch, at Hawthorne Villa.

Paul Pry.

[This letter was delayed in some way, no doubt, since it did not reach this office until Saturday, March 7. The best laid plans of correspondents and editors are sometimes upset by the mails.—Ed. Progress.]

RICHIBUCTO.

March 10.—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Carter returned last week after an eighteen months' residence in North Dakota. Their friends are glad to have them back again, though they regret that Mrs. Carter has been seriously ill since she returned.

Mr. Dan McLaren, of Moncton, is in town the guest of his brother, Mr. W. A. McLaren.

Mr. William McLeod went to St. John on Monday.

Mr. J. R. Creelman, of Truro, is in town this week. He was a resident of our town 25 years ago, this being his second visit since that time. He is especially remembered by all lovers of music.

The declaration proceedings passed off quietly on Monday. Neither of the candidates were present.

Dr. Leger was unable to be present through illness, and Mr. LeBlanc was called to Fredericton on important business. Mr. J. D. Phinney appeared for the former, and Mr. C. J. Sayre for the latter.

Messrs. J. B. Humphrey, station agent at Weldford, and Stephen Cameron of Kouchibouguac, were in town on Monday.

Principal Colpitts and Mrs. Colpitts returned from St. Martins on Monday, where they were summoned by the death of Mrs. Colpitt's father.

Messrs. David J. Cochrane and Frank Sayre, who have been spending the winter at their respective homes, left on Tuesday for the west. Their departure is regretted by a large circle of friends, particularly the ladies. Rumor says one of the gentlemen will return in the autumn to carry off one of our fair daughters. Regina.

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Between John C. Patterson, Plaintiff;

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THERE will be sold at Public Auction, at Chubb's Corner (so called), in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, and Province of New Brunswick, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of MARCH next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the directions of a Decretal Order, made in the above cause, on the 27th day of December last past, and with the approbation of the undersigned, a Referee in Equity, pursuant to the fourth chapter of the Act of the General Assembly of this province, passed in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her Present Majesty Queen Victoria, the mortgaged lands and premises described in the Plaintiff's Bill and in the said Decretal Order, as:

"Beginning at a point on the northern side line of "Hanover street, sixty-eight feet nine inches distant "from the point of intersection of the northern side "of Hanover street with the eastern side of Brussels "street; thence running easterly along the said "northern side line of Hanover street, thirty-one "(31) feet, more or less; thence parallel with Brussels street, seventy-five (75) feet, more or less; "thence westerly, parallel with Hanover street, "thirty-one (31) feet, more or less, and thence "parallel with Brussels street, seventy-five (75) feet "more or less, to the place of beginning the said "piece of land hereby granted or expressed so to be, "being a portion of the lots numbered one hundred "and sixty-four (164) and one hundred and sixty-"five (165) on the map or plan of the said City of "Saint John, on file in the office of the Common "Clerk of the said city;" with the erections and improvements thereon, and the rights, members privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, dower and right of dower, possession, property claim, and demand at law and in equity of the said defendants, or any of them, of, in, to, or out of the herein-before described premises, and every part and parcel thereof.

For terms of sale and other particulars, apply to plaintiff's solicitor.

Dated this Twentieth day of January, A. D. 1891.

E. H. MacALPINE, Referee in Equity.

E. T. C. KNOWLES, Plaintiff's Solicitor.

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